Fresno, **CA** - Today, Congressman Jim Costa (CA-20) announced that \$240,004 has been awarded to the City of Hanford from the Department of Housing and Community Development's HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

" These funds play an integral role in creating and maintaining housing activities, " Congressman Costa said.

The City of Hanford's First-Time Homebuyer Acquisition-Only Program is the beneficiary of the grant. The entire amount, \$240,004, will be awarded to the First-Time Homebuyer program.

This grant is part of nearly \$95 million being awarded to help meet the affordable housing needs of California families. The HOME Program funds will be implemented to support programs for homeownership, housing construction and housing rehabilitation.

" Affordable housing is becoming difficult to attain for many families and this grant will be key in providing housing options to those families, " Costa concluded.